

1897-052 Chanery Causes: George Pleasant vs. Margaret Pleasant  
Lee Co.

Freeman

CA-Divorce  
T-Vices



Virginia,

In the Circuit Court of Lee County.

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To the Hon. W. T. Miller, Judge of said Court:

-----Humbly complaining, your orator, George Pleasants, would respectfully represent and shew unto your honor that on the       day of

18       , he was married to his wife Margaret Pleasants,

with whom he lived as his wife for the ~~perex~~ period of       years; that he he was to her her ~~faithful~~ faithful and provident husband, and did all in his power to make his said wife happy and contented, but his said wife was unfaithful to him and on various times and occasions committed the crime of adultery, much to his sorrow, grief and regret. Your orator alleges that his said wife committed the said adultery without his consent, procurement or connivance. And he further ~~allege~~ alleges that ~~since~~ the said adultery was within five years from the institution of this suit; and that he has been ~~and~~ for more than two years and is now a citizen of Lee County, Virginia. Your orator further alleges that since the said adultery came to his knowledge he has not lived or co-habited with his said wife.

Now, in as much as your orator is without remedy, save by a Court of Equity, he prays that said Margaret Pleasant be made party defendant to this bill, and that she be required to answer the same, but not on oath, that being waived, and that upon a hearing of this case a decree be pronounced granting to your orator a divorce from the bonds of matrimony heretofore contracted ~~xx~~ and existing between him and ~~thexxaixx~~ his said wife.

May process, issue, directed, etc., and your orator will ever pray,  
etc.

J. C. Noel,

P. Q.



George Pleasant

78. } Guerry } Bill.

Margaret Pleasant.

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1896. 2nd Sept rules & part

2nd & Contd for O.P.

" 1st Oct rules Contd

" 2nd Oct rules O.P.

" Complete & Cause set  
for hearing.

March Term 1897 Decree  
final O.B.P 517

Plffs Costs

C 6.56

Tax 1.00

Atty 15.00

Pro 75-

Cc 25-

\$23.56

Printer 5.00

28.56

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P.



George Pleasant, Plaintiff.

Against ( In Chancery.

Margaret Pleasant, Defendant.

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This cause, in which the Plaintiff appears to have proceeded against the Defendant, who is a non-resident, in the mode prescribed by law against absent defendants, and she <sup>still</sup> failing to appear and answer, came on this day to be heard upon the bill of the Plaintiff and the depositions of witnesses, and was argued by counsel for the Plaintiff: On consideration thereof, it is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the bonds of matrimony heretofore contracted and existing between the ~~Plain~~ Plaintiff and Defendant be, and the same are hereby dissolved and annulled, and a divorce a vinculo matrimonii is hereby granted both parties. *And that the plaintiff recover against the defendants his costs.* And this cause is stricken from the docket.



George Pleasant  
vs { Decree Final  
Margret Pleasant

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Enter this decree  
M L M  
Mar 4 1897.



The depositions of Ollie Freeman <sup>and</sup>  
~~signers~~ taken before me <sup>W. H. Byrd</sup> a Notary  
Public for me the county of Lee,  
at Pennington Gap in the said  
county, on the 27 day of Feb. 1897 between  
the hours of 1 Pm <sup>and</sup> 2 Pm to be read  
as evidence in behalf of Geo Pleasant  
in a certain suit in equity depending  
in the circuit court of Lee county  
of Va, wherein Geo Pleasant is Plaintiff  
and Margaret Pleasant defendant.

Present for the Plaintiff - W. H. Kopkin  
The witness Ollie Freeman being duly  
sworn, deposes as follows

Ques 1 What is your name residence  
age <sup>and</sup> occupation?

Ans - Ollie Freeman, reside near  
Milt. Va. and am a farmer, age 23

2 Are you acquainted with George  
Pleasant and Margaret Pleasant  
his wife and how long have you  
known them?

Ans - I am, have lived near them  
and known them about three years

3 Are you acquainted with the  
character of Margaret Pleasant  
as to Chastity and virtue, and is  
it good or bad,

Ans - I am, It is bad,

4 State what you may know derog  
atory to her character,

Ans - I saw her in the bed with  
with an other man, under the



cover, this was since the date, she and Geo Pleasant separated. I know that she is regarded, in the Community, where she lives as a lived woman, I know that George Pleasant has not lived with her since the date I saw her in the bed with the "man".

I saw her there on Powell's Mountain near Stickleyville in Lee Co. Virginia about three years ago - I don't know where she is now. Have not seen her for about two years. And further this deponent saith not.

Oley Freeman

George Pleasant the Plaintiff in this Case, after being duly sworn deposes & says:-

Ques 1 What is your age and residence?  
Ans - am 33 years old. and live near Zion's Mills Va.

2 Are you the husband of Margaret Pleasant - the Defendant in this suit?  
Ans - I am, we were married in 1886 near Van in Lee County Virginia.

3 Where is Margaret Pleasant your wife now -

Ans - Don't know just where



she is now. The last account I  
had of her, she was in Kentucky.  
She deserted me about 5 years  
ago <sup>and</sup> left the State in Company  
with another man, she had no  
Cause to leave me, as I always  
treated her kindly, and provided  
for her wants the best I could.

4 Was this desertion without your  
knowledge, connivance or Consent?  
Ans. It was. I didn't know  
anything about her intention or  
desire to leave.

5 Do you know that she has  
committed adultery with any  
other man since the date of the  
desertion above mentioned.

Ans - I know that she has  
had two children since that time.

6 Have you lived with her or had  
any thing to do with her since  
the day of her desertion?

Ans - I have not.

7 Have you had any thing to do  
with bringing about her adulterous  
conduct?

Ans. I have not.

And further this deponent  
saith not.

George. Plazant



The foregoing depositions of Ollie Freeman  
and Georg Pleasant were taken  
subscribed and sworn to before  
me at the time and place and  
for the purposes mentioned in the  
caption thereto. And were on  
the same day placed in envelope  
properly addressed to A. B. Munsey  
Clerk Circuit Court of Lee Co. Va and  
deposited in the post office at Pen-  
nington Gap Va - postage paid thereon.  
Given under my hand this  
27 day of February 1897

A. B. Ryatt Notary Public  
Lee Co Va

Georg Pleasant

N. B. Depositions

Margaret Pleasant

Received by mail in good  
condition and filed Feb  
27<sup>th</sup> 1897

A. B. Munsey Clerk

Filed  
March 1897

Notarys Fee 75¢



Virginia }  
Lee County } to wit

I V.H. Kelly a notary Public in and  
for the County and state aforesaid do  
certify that Geo. Pleasant this  
day personally appeared before me in  
my County and first being <sup>duely</sup> sworn by  
me deposed and said that Margaret  
Pleasant is not a resident of this  
state. Given under my hand  
this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896.  
Vincent H. Kelly N.P.



George Pleasant  
vs affidavit  
Margaret Pleasant

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Filed Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1896  
A. B. Munsey  
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